

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/980,364
Amendment dated June 30, 2006
Reply to Office Action of January 30, 2006

REMARKS

Applicants have read and considered the Ex Parte Action dated January 30, 2006. The amendment corrects several informalities in the specification placing the application in condition for allowance. Claims 8, 9, 75, and 76 are pending and have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

The Examiner objected to several informalities in the specification. Applicants submit the informalities have been corrected by the present amendment to the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

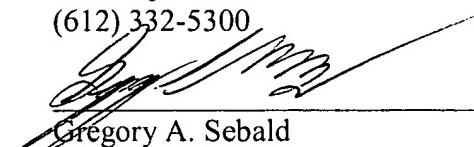
The Examiner alleges the oath or declaration is defective. A new declaration has been filed herewith. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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